

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on January 26, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 162, 1/21/2011; SB 183, 1/21/2011
Executive Action: SB 146 Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON SB 162

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 162, Reimburse counties for all costs association with legislative referenda.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Harper Lawson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary of State (SoS)
00:06:56 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:20 Vice Chair Wittich
00:08:47 Harper Lawson, (SoS)
00:08:58 Vice Chair Wittich
00:09:11 Harper Lawson
00:09:23 Vice Chair Wittich
00:09:53 Harper Lawson
00:10:22 Sen. Moss
00:10:59 Harper Lawson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:40 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:55 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 183, Revise interim zoning laws.
00:18:24 Sen. Gallus entered the committee room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:16 John Ostlund, representing the Yellowstone County Commissioners
00:21:07 Gorden Morris, representing the Lewis and Clark County Commissioners
00:21:50 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:23:37 Jackie Flikkema, representing the Knife River Corporation (KRC)
00:24:00 Ronda Wiggers, representing the City of Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and
the City of Helena Chamber of Commerce
00:25:03 John Youngberg, representing the Montana Farm Bureau Federation (FBF)
00:25:41 Glenn Oppel, representing the Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:26:42 Ed Bartlett, representing the City of Billings Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

EXHIBIT(los20a01)

Written testimony of the Clark Fork Coalition presented to the committee prior to
meeting

00:27:33 Carol Lee-Roark, Gallatin Gateway

EXHIBIT(los20a02)

00:33:54 Linda Stoll, representing the Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

00:35:14 Michael Harris, representing the Gallatin County Commissioners

EXHIBIT(los20a03)

00:40:29 Don Seifert, representing himself

00:43:36 Robert LaRue

00:46:58 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (EIC)

00:49:39 Janet Ellis, representing Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:51 Vice Chair Wittich
00:52:11 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioners
00:55:58 Vice Chair Wittich
00:58:14 Sen. Brown
01:03:00 Vice Chair Wittich
01:03:34 Sen. Brown
01:04:06 Vice Chair Wittich
01:04:32 Ronda Wiggers, City of Great Falls and Helena
01:05:03 Vice Chair Wittich
01:05:49 Michael Harris, Gallatin County Commissioners
01:06:23 Chairman Sonju
01:07:14 Cary Hegreberg (MCA)
01:09:03 Sen. Tutvedt
01:09:30 Cary Hegreberg

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:06 Sen. Brown
01:13:12 Sen. Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 146

- 01:13:59 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 146 DO PASS**.
- 01:14:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 146 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
- 01:14:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 146 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
- 01:15:31 Sen. Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

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01:15:53

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los20aad.pdf](#))